Post-war Reconstruction.

199. ✻ MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have evolved a scheme of Post-War Reconstruction within the State; and

(*b*) if not, whether the Government intend to take steps immediately to frame a scheme?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

Visarada Examination.

200. ✻MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the position and status given to the holders of the Visarada Certificate in the matter of recruitment to the public service, and the appointment for which such persons are declared eligible under the Public Service Recruitment Rules;

(*b*) the number of persons who have passed the Visarada Examination during the last two years and the number of such persons who have passed with distinction; and

(*c*) the number of such persons who have been recruited to the Public Service and the nature of the appointments given to them?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor*): (*a*) Holders of the Sahitya Visarda Certificates are declared qualified for appointment as Malayalam Pandits in the scale of Rs. 25—45 in English Schools and as Pandits in the scale of Rs. 22—28 in Malayalam Schools.

		1943	*1944*
(*b*) Total Number passed	...	164	150
First class	...	1	nil.
Second class	...	16	8

(*c*) Nil.

Rise in the price of food stuffs.

201. ✻MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken into consideration the sharp rise in the price of food stuffs in the allotment for diet in Parur Hospital in the year 1119?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Additional Secretary to Government and Director of Food Supplies*): Yes.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member whether the additional allotment was in proportion to the price of the foodstuffs?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: An additional allotment has been made.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: My question was whether the additional allotment was in direct proportion to the increase in price.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: On account of the high price of food stuffs, additional allotment has been made to meet the dieting charges in the hospitals.

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MR. P. O. THOMAS : My question was whether the additional allotment was in direct proportion.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : Yes, Sir. It bears a proportion.

Rice rationed.

202. ***MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that an appreciable quantity of rice rationed and supplied to the public is damaged and unfit for consumption ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : No

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI : Is the honourable member aware that any portion of the food materials supplied by rations is damaged ?

MR. K R. NARAYANA AIYAR : No, Sir.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*) : അട്ട, മൈയിസ് മുതലായി കൊടുക്കുന്ന സാധനങ്ങൾ ഉപയോഗത്തിനു കൊള്ളുകയില്ലാ എന്ന വിവരം കച്ചവടക്കാർ പറഞ്ഞു മെംബർ അറിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : അതു ശരിയായില്ലാ എന്നു പറയുന്നതുണ്ട്. അതു് അഭിപ്രായവ്യത്യാസം മാത്രമാണ്.

I want to mention for the information of the honourable House, Sir, that stringent orders have been issued by Government not to issue damaged foodstuffs, or foodstuffs unfit for human consumption. On the other hand, if there is a lowering of the quality, it is a matter over which we have no control because these originate from the sources of supply.

MR. K. T. MICHAEL (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*) : May I know whether there has been any complaint that foodstuffs which are rationed are damaged ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : No. Sir.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) : May I know how long are these foodstuffs stored up before they are distributed for sale ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : That will depend upon the demand.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : Yet may I know the average period ? Does it go for months or for a longer period ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : That depends also upon the nature of the stuffs. Certain foodgrains can be stored for two years even, while some will remain only for six months. That, as I said, will depend upon the nature of the food stuffs.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : In that case, may I know whether periodical inspections are made to test the condition of the stuff ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : Absolutely, Sir.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : The honourable member means that periodical inspections are made ?

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